

Keeping you in touch with BArts and the local Arts scene

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### Autumn

Autumn appears  
Slowly.

At first, the hint of gold  
Seems so much part of summer,  
A memory of sun and warmth.  
Then, gradually, the glow  
Mellows and emerges  
Tinged with red.

Leaves curl  
And drop  
To form dishevelled piles.  
The last, lingering roses fade,  
Petals pale  
In the dampening air.

Days dwindle  
And nights steal in  
Dressing the tattered remnants of  
growth  
With mist.

All too soon, it seems  
That Autumn has taken what she needs  
To store in secret  
And leaves the rest  
To Winter.

### Quotes From 'The Tempest'

*We are such stuff  
As dreams are made on: and our  
little life*

*Is rounded with a sleep.*  
(Prospero, Act 4 Scene 1)

*O, wonder!  
How many goodly creatures are there  
here!  
How beauteous mankind is! O brave  
new world,  
That has such people in't.*  
(Miranda, Act 5 Scene 1)



## Midsummer Festival 2024 June 15th-24th 2024



As the disappointing summer of 2023 gives way to autumn, local groups are already thinking ahead to *next* summer and the prospect of a Midsummer Festival to be organised by Love Hoddesdon.

The response to the initial proposal has been very positive and, by the time you read this, a second meeting will have taken place to discuss ideas in more detail.

BArts has just confirmed one major event for **June 21st**—an outdoor performance of Shakespeare's **The Tempest** presented by the aptly-named **Festival Players** in the Spotlight gardens. The successful, professional, touring company has appeared for BArts on several previous occasions and has an excellent reputation for traditional productions by an all-male cast, as in Shakespeare's day.

**The Tempest** was one of Shakespeare's last plays written around 1611, during the reign of James I, who was a keen theatre-goer and royal patron of Shakespeare's company, the King's Men. Although the setting is a mystical island and magic and illusion are threaded through the plot, there are contemporary elements relating to politically expedient marriages (which King James was busy organising for his children) colonisation (which was happening in the Americas) and tales of cannibals.....





**Free Piano Concert, sponsored by BArts, at the Spotlight next**  
**Wednesday, October 4th**  
 from 12.00 to 2.00 pm

**Mayhem Fund-raising Quiz!**  
**Saturday, Oct 14th**  
**£10 per person**  
**Call 01992 465100**

*After 17 years of daily use for every kind of dance, the very expensive dance studio floor needs replacing!*



## Hoddesdon Music Club

**Charlie Lovell-Jones (violin),  
 with Julian Chan (piano)**

**Saturday October 21st 7:30pm**

**United Reformed Church,  
 Mill Lane, Broxbourne, Herts.**

Charlie Lovell-Jones debuted at a sold-out Royal Festival Hall aged 15. An international soloist and critically-acclaimed concert master of the Sinfonia of London,



Email: [hoddesdonmusic@aol.com](mailto:hoddesdonmusic@aol.com)



Telephone: 01992 464000 (Kathleen Lord - Chairman)

**Broxbourne Arts Forum's talks on a wide variety of subjects, illustrated with music and served with a dash of humour, a 2-course lunch and a glass of wine!**

**12.00 noon. Dinant Room, The Spotlight .Tickets £16.00 01992 441946**



**Every age produces its celebrities and heroes, the people we admire for their particular talents and achievements, but they are just human and so often prove to be fatally flawed and have feet of clay... Today, we are even pulling down their statues!**

**2024 Friday, Jan 19th 'Art and Audacity'**  
*Skill without imagination is craftsmanship and gives us many useful objects such as wickerwork picnic baskets. Imagination without skill gives us modern art.* — Tom Stoppard. *Art is anything you can get away with.* **Andy Warhol**

**Wednesday, March 13th**  
**'Health, Wealth, Happiness? In the pink, or in the red? In spite of huge changes in education, employment, welfare and health facilities, Britain is still unable to provide an adequate standard of living for the whole population....**

what time is it?  
**it's**  
**SHOWTIME!**

**So much to see...  
 and it's all on your doorstep!  
 BArts' groups in action!**

**The Valle Academy**

Our Little Stars & Dancing Dots Classes Proudly present

**A TINY SLICE OF THE CIRCUS 2023**

The Spotlight Theatre  
 Sunday 1st October 2023  
 12:00pm  
 Ticket Price: Adult £10.00 Child £5.00

Book your tickets online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/valleacademy-tickets](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/valleacademy-tickets)

THE Valle Academy Musical Theatre Workshops Production of

**SHREK The Musical JR**

The Spotlight Theatre, Broxbourne  
 Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th October 2023  
 Time: 4:30pm  
 Ticket Price: Adults £16.00 Child £12.00

Tickets can be purchased online at [ticketsource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/valleacademy-tickets)

**Mayhem Theatre and Creative Arts**

MAYHEM THEATRE & CREATIVE ARTS INVITE YOU TO THEIR ANNUAL DANCE PRODUCTION...

**Express Yourself!**

SUNDAY | 12 | NOVEMBER 2023

SHOW TIMES: 2.30PM & 6.00PM  
 THE SPOTLIGHT, HODDESDON

*The truest expression of people is in the dance and music - Agnes De Mille*

ALL IS SHARED, YOUR CREATIVE COMMUNITY

**HAZELWOOD ARTGROUP**



**ART EXHIBITION & SALE**

in aid of OCTOBER BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH -

**Saturday 28th October 2023  
 11am - 5pm**

The Hunt Room, Paul's Lane,  
 Hoddesdon EN11 8TR

Artist demonstrations throughout the day.  
 Meet the artists.  
 Kids' creative corner with competition.  
 Raffle with many exciting prizes.

For more information or to donate a raffle prize please contact

[info@hazelwoodartgroup.co.uk](mailto:info@hazelwoodartgroup.co.uk)  
 07813 742984 or 07572 434 388

**Hoddesdon Players**

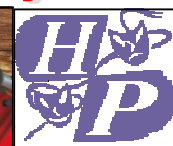
HODDESDON PLAYERS

**A BUNCH OF AMATEURS**

by IAN HISLOP & NICK NEWMAN

16th - 17th Nov. 7.30pm, 18th Nov. 3.00pm 2023  
 the Spotlight Theatre, Hoddesdon  
[tickets@hoddesdonplayers.org.uk](mailto:tickets@hoddesdonplayers.org.uk)

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd.



Next Production

**Nov 16th-18th**

Spotlight Theatre

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**Broxbourne Theatre Company's Pantomime is now in rehearsal**

**Jack and the Beanstalk**

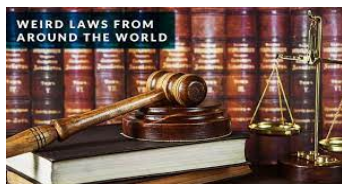
10th-14th Jan 2024

The Spotlight, Hoddesdon

# The u3a Page....Three Local Branches

## Broxbourne

**Thurs, Oct 19th**



### 'The Weird and Wonderful World of Law'

**Speaker: David Allen.**  
**Spotlight 10.00 am**

**Thurs, Nov 16th**



### Christmas Hits by the Beatles

**Speaker: Martin Orkin.**  
**Spotlight 10.00 am**

[broxbourneu3a.org.uk](http://broxbourneu3a.org.uk)

## Cheshunt

**Thurs, Oct 26th**

### 'The Mercenary River'

*a History of London's Water*

**Speaker: Nick Higham.**  
**Laura Trott Centre**  
**from 1.30 pm**

**Thurs, Nov 23rd**

### 'Finding Wildlife in Epping Forest'



**Speaker: Peter Warner .**  
**Laura Trott Centre**  
**from 1.30 pm**

[cheshuntu3a.org.uk](http://cheshuntu3a.org.uk)

## Lea Valley

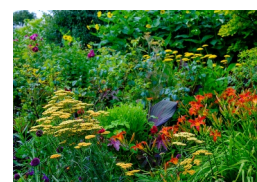
**Mon Oct 9th**

### Dr. Livingstone, I Presume'

*The story behind the meeting between Livingstone & Stanley*

**Speaker : Fran Sandham**  
**Spotlight, 2.00 pm**

**Mon Nov 13th**



### From Field To Floribunda

*The creation of Theobalds' farmhouse garden*

**Speaker : Alison Green**  
**Spotlight, 2.00 pm**

[lvu3a@live.co.uk](mailto:lvu3a@live.co.uk)

**October 26th**

### Not Just Tchaikovsky by Nigel Bates

An exploration of choreographers and composers who have created timeless classics and modern masterpieces  
**Includes several performance video clips.**



### About Us

**We organise lectures, special interest days and outings, support arts projects in East Herts and document local church artefacts.**

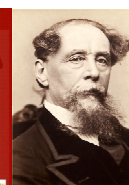
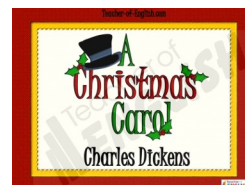
At the meetings, Coffee is served from 9.45 am and the lecture starts at 10.30am and lasts about one hour.

Non-members are welcome to attend (£8 contribution please).

**November 30th**

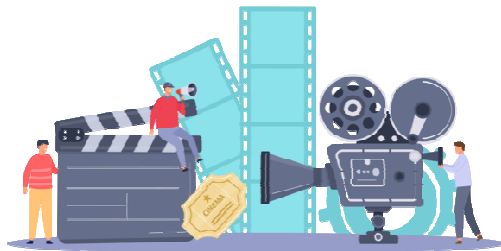
### A Dickens of a Christmas by Bertie Pearce

Charles Dickens revived the Christmas traditions with his warm portrayal of Christmas in the domestic setting; with plum pudding, piping hot turkey, games, dancing and family cheer by the hearth. His enduring master piece, 'A Christmas Carol' published in December 1843 immortalises the spirit of Christmas Cheer. .



**10.30 am at the Spotlight, Hoddesdon**  
**[info@theartssocietyeastherts.org.uk](mailto:info@theartssocietyeastherts.org.uk)**

# Mayhem Introduces Film-Making!



With the prospect of a major, new film studio on our doorstep in the next couple of years, it makes sense to get youngsters interested in the business and process of making films now, which *could* lead to employment in the local industry later on

**COMING TO HODDESDON THIS OCTOBER....  
NEW WEEKLY CLASSES AND COURSES...**

**ENROLL NOW!**

# MEDIA AND FILM SCHOOL



EMAIL : [HODDESDON@SPARKSARTS.CO.UK](mailto:HODDESDON@SPARKSARTS.CO.UK)

Mayhem is offering a special, three-day 'Make A Movie' workshop during the October half term and weekly classes will also be available from October

## 'Make A Movie Workshop' Tuesday 24th-Thursday 26th October 2023

9.30am - 3.00pm each day

Mayhem Theatre & Creative Arts,  
Brewery Yard, Brewery Road,  
Hoddesdon, Herts,  
EN11 8HF

 **MAYHEM HOLIDAY COURSES** Studio 2 (Ages 7-9)  
Studio 3 (Ages 9-11)  
Studio 4 (Ages 11-14)  **MAYHEM HOLIDAY COURSES**


Booking link:

[Film-making October Half Term Camp at Sparks Film School Hoddesdon - Sparks Film School \(\[sparksarts.co.uk\]\(http://sparksarts.co.uk\)\)](#)



Sunset Waltham Cross Film Studios

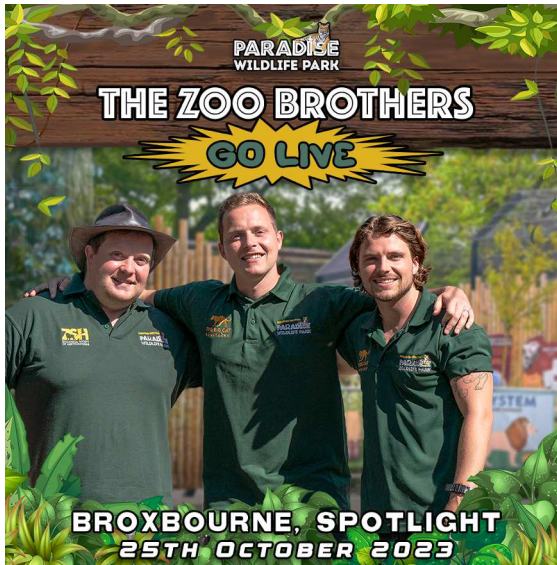
**Mayhem Students' Success With Theatre Agency**

 Recent auditions have presented some Mayhem students with the exciting prospect of professional work on TV, or in the West End in the near future. The Bijou agency represents many of the children who have been in **Matilda** and **Mary Poppins**, so this is a major success for Mayhem and confirmation of the high standards that they achieve in all areas of performance.



the  
Spotlight

If you're *not* a fan of tribute bands, you may have given up looking at the Spotlight's What's On, but there are some *other* kinds of entertainment.....



## and in the Dinant Cinema at The Spotlight

**Oct 2nd and 5th Summerland.** Gemma Arterton, Tom Courtney, Penelope Wilton *During World War II, an Englishwoman opens her heart to an evacuee after initially resolving to be rid of him in this moving journey of womanhood, love and friendship.*

**Oct 2nd and 5th Hail Caesar** George Clooney, Ralph Fiennes  
*Scandal and corruption in 1950s Hollywood*



**Oct 3rd Les Misérables in Concert.** Michael Ball, Alfie Boe, Matt Lucas.

*Film of the final stage performance at the Gielgud Theatre in December 2019*

**Oct 11th and 16th The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry.** Jim

**Broadbent and Penelope Wilton** *Harold is an ordinary man who has passed through life, living on the side lines, until he goes to post a letter one day...and just keeps walking.*



**Most tickets are £7**

**Box Office open from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm**

**01992 441946**

**[thespotlightvenue.com](http://thespotlightvenue.com)**



## Refurbishment Plan For Hoddesdon Library

Major improvements are planned for the downstairs area of Hoddesdon Library early in 2024.

A new, key feature will be a **Creator Space**, equipped with Digital Sewing and Embroidery Machines, Digital Cutters, 3D Printers, Green Screens and Film Making equipment and VR Headsets plus an I-Mac and laminators etc.

The area and equipment will be bookable by individuals or groups, after an initial taster session with staff, and a range of creative activities will be available for schools and people of all ages, which will be of huge benefit to the community

### Have Your Say

What does Hoddesdon need? What else could be included in the new area? Monthly meetings have already begun to ensure that everything runs smoothly and your suggestions and comments would be very welcome

**Please contact Caroline Wild, the Library Manager, at Hoddesdon Library, Libraries and Heritage Services, Hertfordshire County Council, 98a High Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. EN8 8HD Tel: 01992-555012**



## Love Hoddesdon—the Local Success Story!



Now in its second 5-year phase as a Business Improvement District, the outstanding achievements of Love Hoddesdon have certainly proved that ‘where there’s a will, there’s a way’ and engendered a vibrant community spirit, co-operation and commercial success for local business and a programme of annual events to bring visitors into the town.

Way back in 2009, an Action 4 Hoddesdon group was set up to try to remedy some of Hoddesdon’s problems and make a positive contribution to the Borough’s Town Strategy. One of the items on its nine point list of aims was to open up the pedestrianised area in the town centre and, once achieved, this set the ball rolling for other improvements that were gradually accomplished over the next few years, under the leadership of the local bookshop owner until he moved away.

The Love Hoddesdon Business Improvement District, was set up by local businessmen in 2017 and supported by Broxbourne Council, to manage and invest in the town.

A number of annual events are now well-established and bring thousands of people into the town centre; St. George’s Day parade in April, Charter Fairs, Rock Around the Clock Tower, a Food and Drink Fest in September, Remembrance Sunday in November and Hoddesdon Loves Christmas, plus the occasional open- air-cinema, Christmas pantomime and Give Your Town the Run-around..... **Still to come in 2023....**



**Remembrance Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Hoddesdon Loves Christmas 25<sup>th</sup> November**



## LECTURE PROGRAMME 2023 –2024

TUESDAYS AT THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL,  
MILL LANE, BROXBOURNE, EN10 7BQ

COFFEE & TEA AVAILABLE FROM 7.30PM – NOTICES AT 7.45PM  
MEETING COMMENCES AT 8.00 PM.

### 2023

OCT 17TH 'LOCAL RESEARCH ON NAZEING' – DAVID PRACY

NOV 21ST 'FROM COFFEE HOUSES TO CLARICE CLIFF' – TIM TURNER

### 2024

FEB 20TH 'GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY' – PHILIP MCKINDER

MAR 19TH 'ALMSHOUSES' – COLIN WILSON TUE

APR 16TH 'LETTER HOME' or 'ONLY ONE EGG' (tbd) – IAN WALKER

MAY 21ST AGM + SPEAKER TBC

**NO MEETINGS JUNE-AUGUST**

SEPT 17TH TBC

OCT 15TH 'HODDESDON THEN AND NOW' – PHIL JAMES

**VISITORS WELCOME - £3.00**

HODDESDON LIBRARY PIC N MIX

## WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR WASTE?



### WHERE & WHEN

HODDESDON LIBRARY  
THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2023  
2-3PM

To celebrate 'GREEN LIBRARIES' week we have David Birley from Waste Aware coming to Hoddesdon Library to give a talk. 'WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR WASTE?' It's completely FREE OF CHARGE! Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and maybe pick up some tips!



**BArts' Broadsheet No. 40  
for November 2023**

**Copy deadline will be  
November 20th**

**Contributions from BArts'  
Patrons, Friends and  
Affiliated Groups always  
welcome.**

**If you are a *non-member*  
reader with arts interests,  
we'd still welcome your  
comments.....**